

1. (Original) A digital television receiver, comprising:
a receiving means having selectable first and second inputs, said first input receiving a broadcast digital television signal and said second input receiving a digital television signal from a reproduction apparatus, and generating a video signal for display; and,
means coupled to said receiving means for generating a display message responsive to display message data derived from said selected input and for combining said display message with said video signal.
2. (Original) The digital television receiver of claim 1, wherein said digital television signal from said reproduction apparatus includes data representative of a text display message.
3. (Original) The digital television receiver of claim 1, further comprising a memory storing a plurality of graphical messages selectably coupled for combining with said video signal in accordance with a control command from said receiver.
4. (Original) The digital television receiver of claim 3, wherein, said plurality of graphical messages includes messages specific to said reproduction apparatus.
5. (Original) The digital television receiver of claim 4, wherein, said digital television signal from said reproduction apparatus includes data for selecting a graphical message specific to said reproduction apparatus
6. (Original) A receiving device coupled to a reproduction apparatus for receiving and decoding digital signals, comprising:
means for receiving a digital video signal and first and second control signals from said reproduction apparatus;

a decoder coupled to said receiving means for decoding said digital video signal and generating a video display signal therefrom;

an on screen display message generator coupled to said decoder for generating a display message and said combining an display message with said video display signal;

a memory containing message data for on screen display, said message data representing display messages for said receiving device and for said reproduction apparatus; and,

a controller receiving said first and second control signals and coupled to said generating means and said memory for selecting message data, and responsive to said first control signal selecting a specific message stored for said reproduction apparatus, and absent said specific message data in said memory, said controller coupling said second control signal to said generating means for generating a message therefrom.

7. (Original) The receiving device of claim 6, wherein said memory contains a plurality of display message data corresponding to a plurality of video signal sources.

8. (Original) The receiving device of claim 6, wherein said first control signal corresponds to a specific display message request.

9. (Original) The receiving device of claim 6, wherein said second control signal represents specific display message data.

10. (Original) The receiving device of claim 6, wherein said memory contains display message data specific to a digital recording and replay apparatus.

11. (New) A method for displaying a display message and a video signal for a digital display device receiver comprising the steps of:

receiving a first input signal, wherein said first input signal is a broadcast

receiving a second input signal, wherein said second input signal is a digital video signal from a reproduction apparatus;

selecting at least one of the first input signal and the second input signal;
and

generating a video signal for display by combining the selected input signal with a display message generated from display message data derived from the selected input signal.

12 (New) The method of claim 11, wherein said digital signal from the reproduction apparatus includes data representative of a text display message.

13. (New) The method of claim 11, wherein a memory stores a plurality of graphical messages where at least one of the graphical messages is the display message that is combined with the video signal in the generation step, wherein the selection of the at least one graphical message is in response to a control command received externally from the display device receiver.

14. (New) The method of claim 13, wherein said plurality of graphical messages includes messages specific to the reproduction apparatus.

15. (New) The method of claim 14, wherein said digital video signal from the reproduction apparatus includes data for selecting a graphical message specific to the reproduction apparatus.